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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5-8, 11-16, 19 and 20 remain in this application with claims 5 and 13 being independent claims.

In the outstanding office action, independent claims 5 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Stone (US Patent No. 5,598,410). In support of this rejection, the Examiner set forth that, among other things, Stone discloses "A first engine (preprocessor 104) for constructing an edit program (directive) for the inbound packet (PDU 140)..." Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiners correlation that the "directive" from Stone is the same as the element of "constructing an edit program" is misplaced. In particular, the "directive" from Stone is directed to the preprocessor 104 analyzing the inbound stream of data bits 141 and generating "at least one associated directive from the particular protocol data unit 140." (see Fig. 2 and column 11 lines 1-8, and Fig. 7 and column 13, lines 20-44). It is not "constructing an edit program" as is presently claimed. As each and every element of the present invention is not disclosed in the cited references, Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection is unsupported by Stone and should be withdrawn.

Regarding claims 6-8, 11 and 12, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claims 5, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 5, Applicants assert that these claims are also patentable and in condition for allowance.


Regarding claims 14-16, 19 and 20, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claims 13, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 13, Applicants assert that these claims are also patentable and in condition for allowance.

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It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the claims as set forth in the Office Action, and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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